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TOKOTOKONATSU

Hello, it's Aoki Ume here!
Thank you for getting your hands on this booklet. ♥♥♥

This time I'm writing this by hand. I'm keeping it real.
So far this issue has been smeared with nothing but high school girls.
I like 'em. I love 'em.

Well, anyway. So what is this booklet about again?
At first glance it seems like an original, but,
just look at the annoying drawing on the next page. (laugh)
So it actually ended up being a wildly selfish booklet,
but please let me get away with it for a little while. ♪ It's summer after all! ♪

Summer 2008 aokiume.

We're supposed to be studying!
Interested in fashion.
Uses light, natural makeup.
But still hasn't changed much from their middle school days.
...these kind of high school girls are great! (laugh)
Heyyy let's have fun

Umenus
ウメナス

- MonHun LV: Low
- Fondness: ♥♥♥♥♥
- Hairstyle: very fluffy
- Temperament: Prepared for double KOs
- Attack Pref: Great swords only!
- Favorite monster: Yian Kut-Ku ♥♥

Let's go hunting!!
...so yeah, it's MonHun!!
I'm a Monster Hunter!! Yahoo!
I'm just a beginner, but it's fun...☆

The equipment is Kirin armor, loved by everyone.
I ran between the low level Kirin quests until
I finally made the full set! ♥♥♥
And Kirin armor reminds me, I really like Kirin
themselves too. They're so beautiful...

I am just a lowly HR3, and I don't really
have any MonHun friends, so I'm mainly
just questing with my felyne friend.
But, when in combat, I yell a little too much,
but it's OK!! Like "GUUUH" or "UUUUH" and so
on, even to me it's too loud.

The last subject is guarding.
I use a great sword, but I haven't been
able to guard even once...
The latest thing I learned was
dive dodging. It's fun.♥♥
It's so fun that it's dangerous,
this game is....

Khezu.
I thought about drawing it some wounds,
but I started to feel sorry for it
so I didn't. (laugh)

WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE YOU COULD LOVE?
It has a different mood from usual.
...but I'm ruining it with my ugly handwriting... (laugh)
A girl who was turned down, but is still full of lingering affection.

■ It's the same girl couple you saw on the color pages already. ☆ Drawing them was somehow very fun. ♥♥♥

I wonder if I like lesbians... Well, it's probably just because I like cute couples, surely... I don't really care for 3D couples though! (laugh)

■ Why am I writing on such small margin anyway, you ask? I got the idea from shoujo manga. ✨ So, does it remind you of shoujo manga? (laugh)

■ Right. "Tokotoko natsu"... It means "going through endless summer (toko natsu) step-by-step (tokotoko)"... Uh, that's right, it's a pun!!! It's good enough to blow my futon away (futon mo futtobu)...!!!

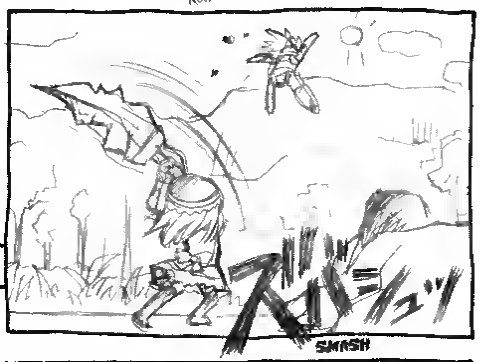
■ First I was going to draw only original stuff, but then Monhun managed to sneak in somehow, and then I didn't manage to include Macross F even though I planned to. Sheryl is cute!!!!!!! I want Ranka's cell phone! ♥

It looks something like this

SMASH!
What the heck are you doing to my Kali!?
MONSTER HUNTER 2nd G
More MonHun.
Here I'll introduce the very few friends I have.
First there is yochimic.
We're about the same level, so we always end up helping each other out.
The time we captured a Khezu was amazing, huh!? (laugh)
Master..♥
...or so I like to think.
I always feel my comrade's admiring gaze when I yell things like that while playing.♡♥♥
DAH!
Awww, I hate this! I hate Plesioths! I hate 'em!
Seems to hate running and being underwater
When did you have the time to do that!?
I set a trap here!
yochimic
Likes Dual Swords, hates Plesioths.
Bleep bloop
Hobbies include carrying eggs.
A master at quickly laying traps. Also a master at throwing flash bombs.
yochimic always takes hunting seriously, so I don't have too many jokes...
ガション ガション
CLANG CLANG

■lily-san.
A wandering monster hunter I rarely run across, whose HR has risen way above Umenos' since I saw her last.(laugh)
She's incredibly trustworthy ✝+

Are you still going to Pokke farm? You're kind of slow.
lily
A skilled lady who likes hammers (?).
Hobbies include attacking her friends.
...I don't really have all that many manFriends, do I? Never mind that, just tell me if you want to play!!



Snowy Mountains 8
Heeey!
I can't help you if you're that far away!
She said before running into two Tigers♥
That's what I love about her!
I want to be more like her!

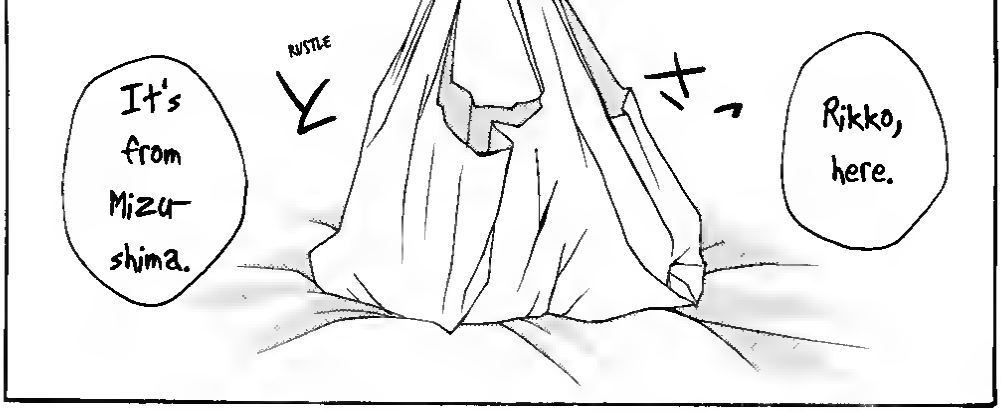
AFTERWORD

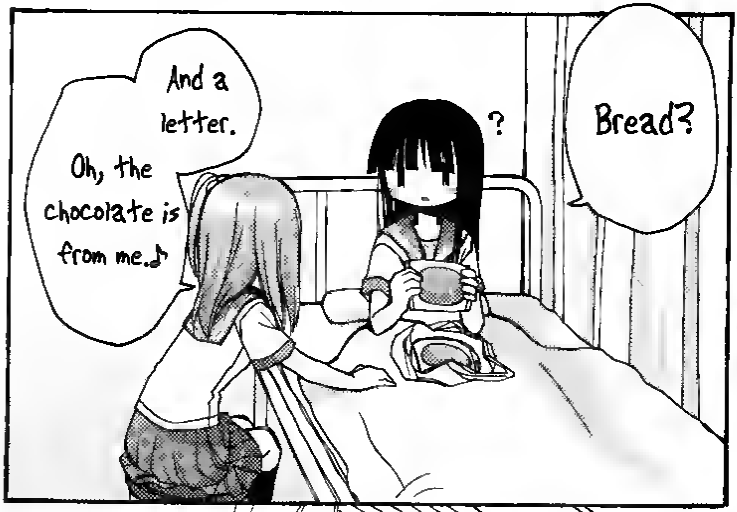
■■■OKHAAAY, TIME'S UP, SO I HAVE TO WRITE THE REST WITH MY PC.
I'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE MANGA BEGINNING ON THE NEXT PAGE A LITTLE.
IT'S LIKE EVERY OTHER ORIGINAL MANGA I'VE DONE IN MY DOUJINSHI,
WITH THE STORY BEING ABOUT THE GIRL IN THE COVER, BUT I ALSO INCLUDED
THE GIRL WITH THE BROKEN HEART FROM ONE OF THE COLOR PAGES.
WHEN I DREW THE COLOR PAGE, SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AROUND COLLEGE AGE,
BUT THAT MIGHT'VE CHANGED A LITTLE IN THE MANGA. PLEASE IGNORE THAT.

■■■SINCE I DRAW MANGA PROFESSIONALLY, I WANTED MY DOUJINSHI
TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A ROUGHER TOUCH TO THEM, BUT I KIND OF REALIZED
I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO DO THAT, SO THE MANGA ENDED UP LIKE THIS...
IT'S A LOT MORE SHABBY COMPARED TO MY OFFICIAL WORK,
IT'S BASICALLY HALF-DONE! UHH...
DEAR READERS, DO YOU PREFER THE DRAWINGS IN DOUJINSHI TO BE ROUGHER,
OR DO YOU WANT THEM TO BE PROPERLY INKED?
PLEASE LET ME HEAR YOUR OPINION! ♪

■■■THAT CAT YOU SEE BELOW IS A FELYNE COMRADE FROM MONHUN.
I DREW IT WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE MATERIAL, AND PERSONALLY I THOUGHT IT WAS
PRETTY CLOSE TO THE REAL THING, BUT WHEN I SENT A PICTURE OF IT TO MATSUDA
SHE SAID THAT "HEY, ISN'T THAT SHISHIDO KAI!?"...
DRAWING A FELYNE AND THEN GETTING TOLD THAT IT'S SHISHIDO KAI...
I MUST BE THE FIRST PERSON IN THE WORLD TO HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT...
AND BESIDES, DO ANY OF YOU KIDS EVEN KNOW WHO SHISHIDO KAI IS...? (LAUGH)

■■■I USED TO GAME
A LOT WHEN I WAS YOUNGER,
BUT NOWADAYS IT'S ALL JUST
MONHUN OR MINESWEEPER. (LAUGH)
BY THE WAY, MY HIGHSCORE IN THE
HARDEST DIFFICULTY LEVEL ON MINESWEEPER
IS 77 SECONDS!!!
...I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO COMPARE IT WITH,
SO I CAN'T REALLY SAY IF IT'S SLOW OR FAST (SWEAT)
PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S SUPER FAST! (LAUGH)

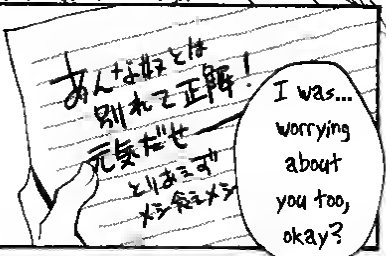




↑Yummy ANPAN with tons of anko.

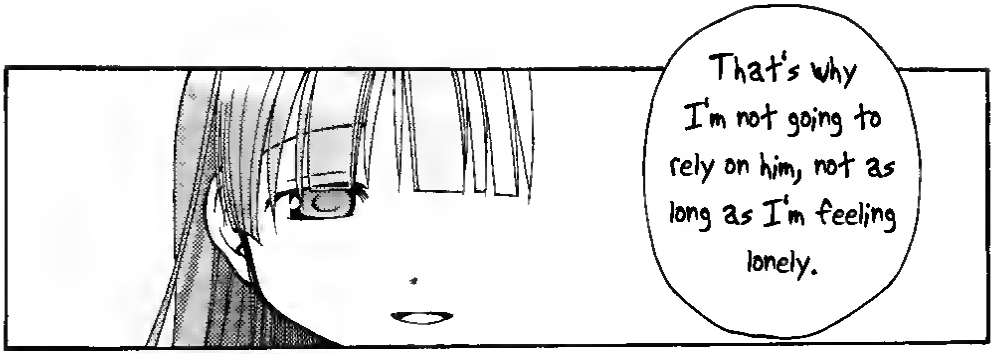
RUSTLE カサッ

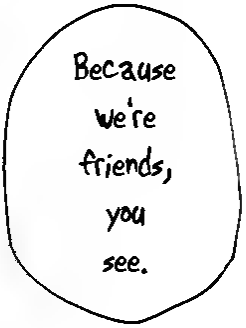
You were right to break up with a guy like that! Cheer up! Eat something!↓

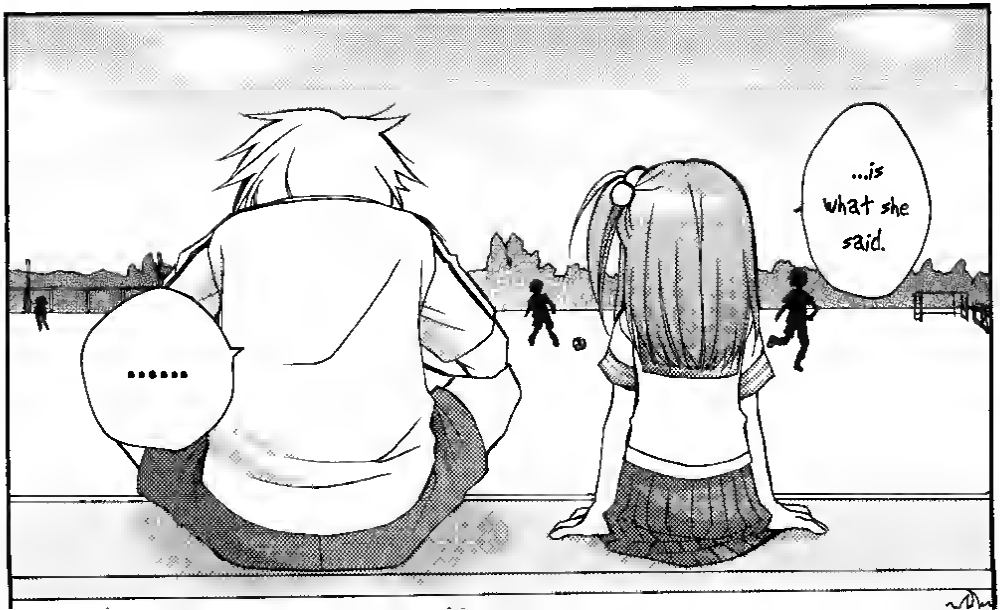


I'm okay now.
Thanks for worrying about me.
So there's nothing wrong with relying on him a little bit more...
Mizu-shima... He's really worrying about you.
Uhh... hey.
You know, he's not a bad guy or anything!
Yeah.

I already noticed his feelings a little while ago.
But I'm feeling incredibly lonely now...
I'm so lonely and hopeless... I wish someone would help me.
That's why
I want someone to rely on...


That's why I'm not going to rely on him, not as long as I'm feeling lonely.


Because we're friends, you see.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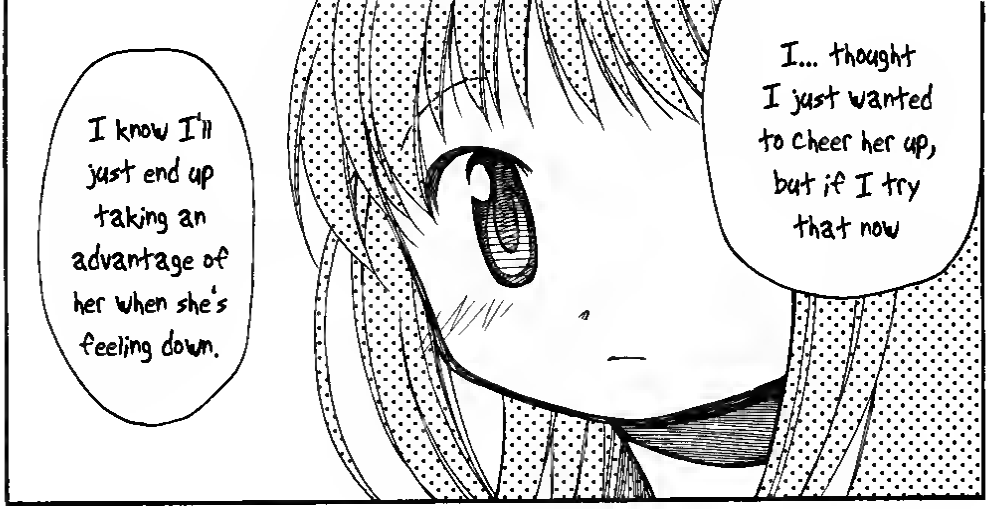
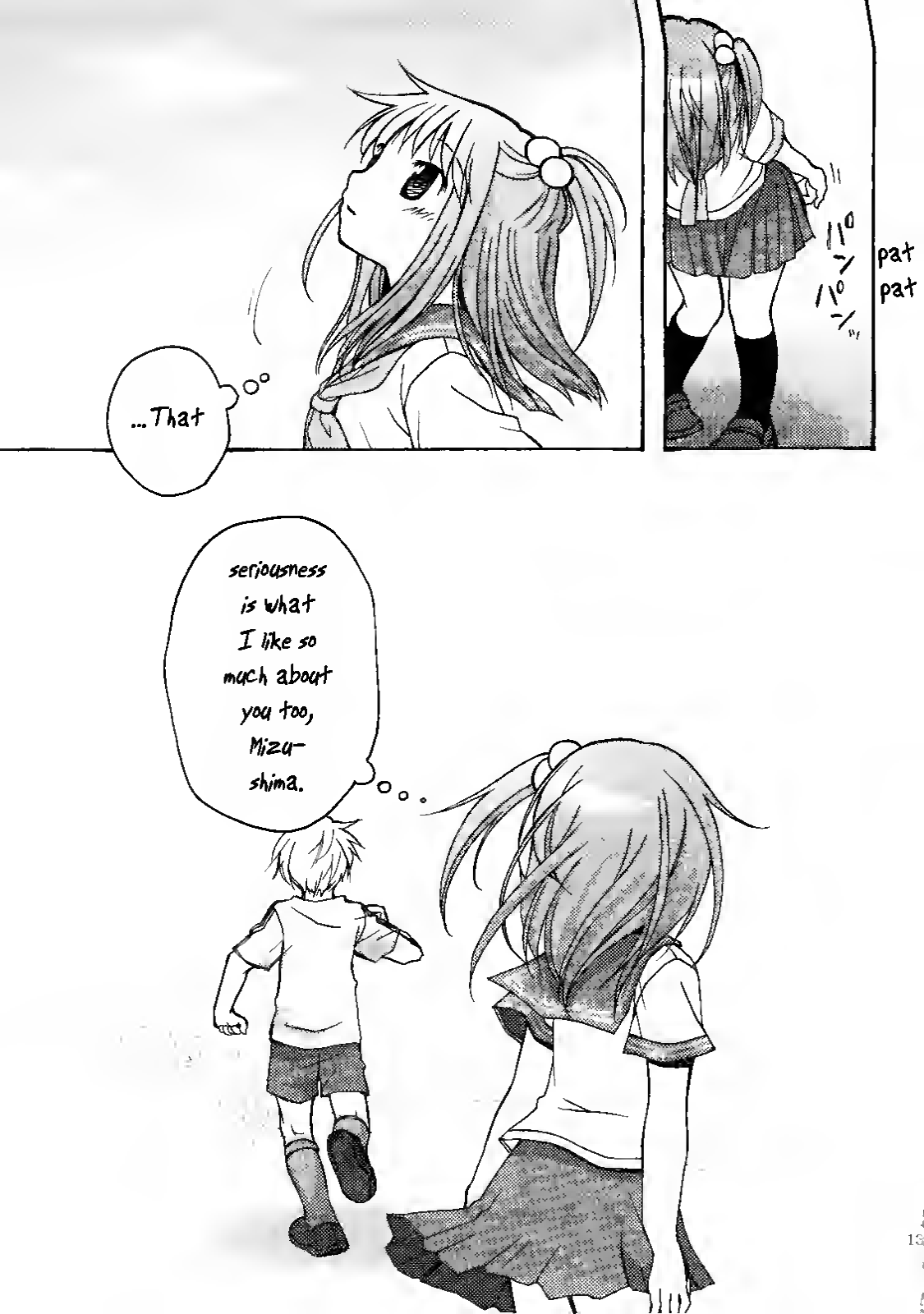
...is what she said.

What a let-down, huh...
And here I was thinking that I should confess to her...
gloom
So I was turned down before I even told her.
...Well, that's how it is.
That seriousness is what I like so much about Narita.
Huh?
W... Why!?
...I guess I won't be seeing her for a while.


I know I'll just end up taking an advantage of her when she's feeling down.
I... thought I just wanted to cheer her up, but if I try that now

...You really do love Rikko, don't you? ♥
Ni hi hi
Shaddup.
Yep
Welp, I guess I have to get back to work.
...Thanks.
Nah... have fun.
Will do.


...That
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seriousness is what I like so much about you too, Mizu-shima.

■■■THE THEME FOR THE MANGA THIS TIME WAS "KINDHEARTED LOVE". I THINK THAT SCENARIO IS PROBABLY A LITTLE BIT UNBELIEVABLE IN REALITY, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY IT WORKS IN MANGA! OR AT LEAST THAT'S MY REASONING BEHIND IT.

■■■ANYWAY. THANK YOU FOR READING! THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME, BUT IT'S ANOTHER INCOHERENT BOOK, BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT NEVERTHELESS.

■■■THE PICTURE ON LEFT IS FOR THE FREE GIVEAWAY DESKMAT I'VE PLANNED FOR THIS EVENT. THERE'S PLANS FOR UPLOADING A COLOR PICTURE TO THE HOMEPAGE, SO PLEASE CHECK IT OU~T!

■■■JUST A TEENSY LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT: THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, MY DAYS ARE FILLED WITH WORK! IT'S CURRENTLY AIRING(!), SO PLEASE ENJOY THE HIDAMARI SKETCH ANIME! PLEASE ALSO CHECK OUT THE INCREDIBLY SLOW-PACED TETSUNAGI KOONI (LAUGH).

■■■WELL THEN, THANK YOU AGAIN! I HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOMEWHERE...♡♡

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